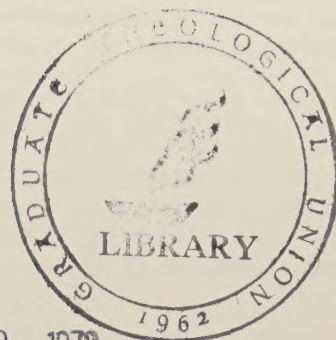




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“ . . . that He might be LORD.”

Romans 14:9

ZION'S WATCHWORD FOR 1979

er Watchword for 1978 was, “us exalt His name together.” believers in Christ, it is our e to daily exalt His name in personal lives. However, it has a joy and blessing as a church vship “exalting His name to- r.”

e are now in a new year, facing challenges and experiences. hough it all, our basic desire is ame as in 1978, that His name t be exalted — “that He might ord.”

e word, “lord,” means to have riority or great power, to be or master. Jesus Christ IS ! He is Lord because He is By Him all things were cre- in the heavens and in the , and all things are held in ct balance by Him. Following humiliation in the shameful a on the cross for our sins, as been exalted to Lordship hough His victory over sin and a. In His second coming, He reign as King of kings and of lords. At that time, to every knee will bow and every e confess that He is Lord.

ough Jesus Christ is Lord, es not force anyone to submit is authority in this life. God given to man the ability to se whom He will serve, weth-

er of sin, self and Satan, or of Jesus Christ and righteousness. However, God determines the out- come of the choice made.

What does it mean to make Jesus LORD in our individual lives? It means, among other things that:

1. We will take time to get acquainted with God and His plans for our lives — through His word, the Bible;
2. We will seek His wisdom, guidance, and power for daily living;
3. We will recognize that all that we are and have — time, talents, material possessions, health, etc. has come to us as a gift of God to be used in such a way as to bring glory to God and a blessing to others.

What does it mean to have Jesus as LORD in our homes?

1. It means that we will live responsibly, giving first considera- tion to other members of the family, even when tempted to put our own pleasure first.
2. It means that we will take time to communicate on a deep level with other members of the family.
3. It means that we will give priority to the spiritual growth of ourselves and other members of the family.

What does it mean to have Jesus as LORD in our church?

1. It means that instead of planning our programs and asking God to bless them, we will first seek His will in the planning of our programs.

2. It means that we will seek to obey His commands and follow His example in ministry:

Seeking the lost (Luke 19:10, John 20:21);

Ministering to the poor (Matthew 25:34-40);

Upholding righteousness and justice (Matthew 25:34-40; John 2:13-16);

3. It means that we will seek to work in harmony with others, “submitting ourselves one to another in the fear of God (Ephesians 5:21).

4. It also means that we will be gracious, considerate, and pa- tient with other believers who dis- agree with us in areas of doctrine or practice that are not vital to salvation. In Romans 14 from which our Watchword is taken, the Apostle Paul deals with this very matter, mentioning the differences of opinion concerning the eating of meat or the observance of a certain day or days. These are examples of doctrines or practices that are not essential to salvation.

Paul's answer to such situations is that we are to "receive our brother," not "judge" him.

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living.

But why dost thou judge thy brother? Or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? For we shall all stand before the judgement seat of Christ.

For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to

me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

So, then, every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Let us, therefore, follow after the things which make for peace and things with which one may edify another.

— Romans 14:7-12,

Entering A New Career—By Faith

The Testimony of Jim and Carol Richter

Beginning the new year, 1979, we are starting a new career in Christian service at Christian Haven, Wheatfield, Indiana, and we are thrilled with the blessings the Lord is bestowing upon us. Looking back at our "old" lives, we marvel at swift changes, that opening our hearts to Jesus Christ brought about.

Though we had both been raised with Christian attitudes and called ourselves Christian, we found we were really leading sinful lives and did not truly know what it meant to accept Christ. God had protected us through these years and brought us together as husband and wife, but there was still something missing; we did not know the comfort and strength of walking with the Lord as we now know. Through His grace we were brought to the end of our search.

In July of 1978, due to a family situation, we were feeling very lonely and concerned about where our family was headed. We had many questions in our minds and wondered if things would be different for us if we moved out of the area.

We were having lunch at Rooks' Restaurant one day and noticed a poster telling about Lloyd De-Tienne, Jr., a family friend, speaking in Waukegan at a Full Gospel Businessmen's meeting. We decided to go, not really knowing why. Many things came up the next few days as to why we shouldn't attend, but God worked everything out and that night we were sitting in the front row. As we listened to Lloyd's message on being "born again", we realized God was calling us to change our lives. Near the end,

Lloyd asked everyone to close their eyes and raise their hands if they sincerely wanted the love that Jesus Christ was offering. Individually, we both knew at that point this is what we needed in our lives. When Lloyd asked us to put down our hands and open our eyes, we were so sure the other had raised his hand, we cried with happiness without speaking a word. At the end of the meeting Lloyd and his wife Sally came over and prayed with us. We felt truly born again!

From that moment everything started to change, and at first, some of the changes startled us.

In the next several weeks, God sent many people to help us grow in our understanding of God's word. The Bible we had tried to read most of our lives suddenly became real and we began to understand its meaning. Our fellowship with other Christians increased and at Camp Zion "Family Camp" over the Labor Day weekend, we made some good friends. It was about this time we began praying that we could put our new faith to work in our careers — and when we asked Him to use us in a way that saw fit — things really began happening.



Jim and Carol Richter and children Bill, Bobby and Julie.

er reading a small article
Christian Haven in the Octo-
peaves of Healing, we approach-
erseer Ottersen about a career
ristian service. That was on a
esday, and by the following
ilay, we found ourselves with
Ottersens and several others
Christian Haven touring the
ges. In a little over a week,
went back for an overnight
and for interviews and testing.
othing lead to our accepting
osition offered us as child care
ers (houseparents). As we left

that day, we were so happy and
excited we forgot to thank God, so
we pulled to the side of the road
and thanked the Lord for entering
our lives. By the time you read
this, we will already be at Christian
Haven serving God and trying to
help delinquent young men (ages
15, 16 and 17) find their way to
the Lord and to becoming useful
members of society.

Our entire family has eagerly
accepted our mission and we ask
for your prayers and blessings as

the five of us strive to help these
troubled young men. For this task
we claim the promise in Matthew
7:7 and 6:33:

*"Ask, and it shall be given you;
Seek, and you shall find; Knock
and it shall be opened unto you."*

*"Seek ye first the Kingdom of
God, and His righteousness, and all
these things shall be added unto
you."*

God Bless you and Surround you
with His love,

Jim and Carrol Richter

"Praise, Promise, Pentecost And What It Means To Me"

by
Dorothy
Harrison

The question were asked of me
rning my favorite Bible pas-
I'm sure my answer would be
isive. Because when I think of
meaningfulness, beauty, guid-
and power in our guide book,
word, my mind boggles and
thought of picking out one
tte portion becomes something
ard for me.

an only say that the following
me of my favorites according
egories:

Praise

the praise category Psalm 118:
Immediately comes to mind be-
I start each day with, *"This
e day which the Lord hath
; we will rejoice and be glad
"* I find that raising my arms
feet touch the floor, together
a little prayer of committment
me a feeling of rightness, and
urpose for the day. And, it's
rtant to establish oneself in
way before the devil begins
y's work.

other favorite of mine in this
ory would have to be, *"Oh
men would praise the Lord for
odness, and for his wonder-
orks to the children of men."*
m 107:8). The sheer poetry
hythm of verse seems to grip
I hear it. Then because of the
that "men" signifies all man-
and "goodness" embraces all
ove our Father bestowed on
and "his wonderful works to
hildren of men" encompasses
thing from the creation to the
of eternal life, this passage be-
s the recurring praise theme
y life.

Promise

As the first verses of the 40th
chapter of Isaiah speaks of bringing
comfort to a people who will hear,
so verses 28 through 31 brought me
comfort and the promise of physi-
cal well-being at a particular time
in my life.

I had been attending the conven-
tion of a charity organization in
downtown Chicago, and went on a
short shopping spree between ses-
sions. As I hurried from store to
store I suddenly felt faint, short of
breath, and my heart began palpi-
tating. My friend, Jan, immediately
hailed a cab, took me back to our
hotel and put me in bed. Then,
because I was feeling somewhat
better, I urged her and the others
to continue their shopping while I
rested. When they had gone, I
reached for the Gideon Bible next
to the bed and read where it fell
open — *"Hast thou not known?
Hast thou not heard, that the ever-
lasting God, the Lord, the Creator
of the ends of the earth fainteth
not, neither is weary? There is no
searching of his understanding. He
giveth power to the faint; and to
them that have no might he in-
creaseth strength. Even the youths
shall faint and be weary, and the
young men shall utterly fall: But
they that wait upon the Lord shall
renew their strength; they shall run
and not be weary; and they shall
walk and not faint."*

I rested a couple of hours and
was ready for the activities of that
evening and the following day.

His promises were real and are
real today.



Dorothy Harrison

This leads to another of my
favorites, Lamentations 3:22,23,
because it expresses the eternal
qualities of God's goodness. *"It is
of the Lord's mercies that we are
not consumed because his compas-
sions fail not. They are new every
morning: great is thy faithfulness."*

Pentecost

The account of the coming of
the Holy Spirit in Acts chapter 2
is particularly special to me for
several reasons.

First, the very opening words
of the King James translation —
*"And when the day of Pentecost
was fully come, they were all with
one accord in one place."* — are
simply thrilling. One of the highest
earthly joys certainly has to be
fellowshipping with God's people
"with one accord in one place."
Being of like mind can set the at-
mosphere for great accomplishment
whether in the home or in the inter-
national conference room.

It was under these conditions
that God manifested Himself to
mankind, giving understanding, wis-
dom and might through the Holy
Spirit. It is wonderful to know that
the Holy Spirit not only instructs
us but also makes intercession for us.

I believe that this passage, then,
must be one of the most important
in the entire Bible.

MISSIONS

"So we ourselves ought to support such people . . . to be fellow workers with them in the truth." III John 8.

ANGOLA, AFRICA

Letter from Bob and Belva Foster, written in November.

Hospital de Kalukembe
C. P. 29 Kalukembe
Rep. Popular de ANGOLA

Dear Ones All:

When I asked Bob to suggest a "theme" verse for this letter, he promptly shot back, ". . . in journeyings oft". As a description of the months since we left Angola on July 5 until we return on November 30, D.V., nothing could be more accurate, if hardly edifying for you. Yet, those journeyings necessarily form the substance of this letter, while the theme is, "Praise the Lord".

Those of you whom we've visited already know how God made possible our exodus from Angola despite the loss of our passports when Bob's briefcase was stolen in mid-June. You also know how it "worked together for good" to enable us to leave Angola several days earlier than planned and reach Canada by July 6, just in time for my father's funeral.

The briefcase was stolen when Bob went to the town of Lubango to do what he could about the imprisonment of our Field Director and his wife, Don and Florence Lutes. To us, it was blow upon blow, since he could neither learn nor do anything. But he went to the capital, Luanda, a few days later when the lost documents didn't turn up, to try to get something that would serve to get us out of the country for our long-planned trip to Israel and Switzerland on the way home for furlough, as well as to try again to do something about the Lutes, who were in prison there. In the former purpose, he succeeded, but not with the latter. Imagine, then, our relief when we heard that the Lutes were in Portugal after two weeks' confinement under miserable conditions. Yet, when Florence recounted her experiences to me, she kept repeating, "God was so good. He always met my need."

She did this in the ante-room of the American Embassy in Lisbon as we waited an hour and a half for four new passports. After the interminable delays and constant frustrations of Angolan Bureaucracy, this seemed like a miracle to us. It was only one among many in the exciting saga of our Angolan exodus. At 5:00 a.m. on July 4, we received a phone call from Toronto saying my father had suddenly died after a very brief illness. Because of the complications with our passports and other documents, we were at the only telephone where we could have been reached in all our years in Angola. And from that moment, everything clicked so that we had our exit and return permits and tickets for the midnight plane by noon that day. We had a reassuring visit with the Lutes and got the new passports in Lisbon on the 5th, reached New York that afternoon, and went on to Canada the next morning. There was an audible gasp of surprise and gratitude to God as we came into the church in Brantford with my family. My mother was much comforted by the miracle and the perfect timing underscored again that "He doeth all things well".

That He does "exceedingly abundant" was again proven the following Monday evening, as we joined the tour for Israel that we'd been scheduled to take. Though we'd used up all our travel funds coming home for the funeral, our friends who were giving us the Israel tour would not let us drop out and again God made it possible. We had 8 glorious days in Israel, then went to Davos, Switzerland for the International Congress of Christian Physicians, where we had good fellowship with many friends as well as stimulating sessions. The following week we visited Swiss friends who had been dear to us in Angola and made other new friends in the extended mission family to which we belong at Kalukembe. Of course, we saw some of the wonderful scenery too.

August was a true vacation

month. We spent some days with my mother, some with Bob's parents at his sister's home near Chicago, and then two weeks with children. We had the best of both worlds, as friends near Boston let us their home on a secluded wooded lot near lake and park and farm market, and also near city and school. Except for Steve and Peg, we had the joy to be with each of our children, as Sharon and Rob, with Tanya and Timmy, came from Jamaica; Stacey and Ruth from New Jersey; Sheila from summer school at Regent College in British Columbia, and Stuart from Boston. The time was too short and as drew to a close, Sharon invited Stirling and Shelly down to Jamaica to stay with her and do their school work by correspondence while Bob and I travelled during the fall. They left on September 20, and I came down next week to bring them back on November 15. My mother was planning to go with me for the first visit to Jamaica. Sharon and Rob need much prayer concerning their future, as the political and economic situation in that island makes it difficult to stay and raise children.

Since early September, we've been making every effort to see many supporters and friends as possible. So far, we've covered 16,000 miles by car since coming home, and have another thousand or two to go. We praise the Lord for the use of a new vehicle, let by a dealer friend, and for safety thus far. The only disaster was the loss of my suitcase and good clothes when it flew off the roof rack into the oncoming traffic lane, was run over and ruined.

"Time would fail one to tell of all the places and friends we've visited. It's been a real tonic to find such love and interest everywhere and the assurance of your continuing prayers. The only regret is the places and people we've missed because the time is too short.

Bob must go to Mexico City for the International Congress on Leprosy from November 12-17. It c

For Praise & Prayer

only once in 5 years and the African Leprosy Mission is sending him as Angola's representative. When he returns, we have a flying visit in Brantford, Ontario at some church (and hopefully see Lutes who arrived in Canada October 3), pack madly the following week at Mission Headquarters in New Jersey, and leave Angola November 27. Today heard of further complications for our return bookings (we had found already), so do pray for resolution of it.

Another item for both praise and prayer is that Sheila is planning to go to Angola with us, has her passport, but needs her visa in time. She was accepted by the AEF in London and allocated to Kalukembe. When she joins Stephen and Peggy, Margaret and Shelley, we'll actually have the majority of the family back there. God is *so* good!

Of the family which remains in the States, Stacey is completing a degree in Communications at Montclair State College in New Jersey, while Ruth works in the Intensive Care Nursery of United Hospital in Newark. Stuart is a sophomore at Harvard, one of a few transfer students accepted out of many applicants. He received a scholarship to finance this year, so is confident of God's leading as he prepares for seminary. Do pray for God's blessing as he participates in the Harvard Christian Fellowship and attends church faithfully, as well as leading a small group Bible study on campus. I've already mentioned Sharon and Rob's need for guidance, so pray for blessing upon them and their pastoral ministry while they're in Jamaica.

Stephen hopes to drive to Luanda to meet us with our car (his own is still on the way), but says the road

continues unsafe because of sporadic terrorist attacks. Do continue to pray for safety for all of us there. Stephen also reports that terrorists' pressure near two mission stations is threatening to close them. You'll be relieved to know that the Swiss nurse who was kidnapped from her station last December 26 finally reached Switzerland on August 1, after walking 2000 miles in 7 months, right across Angola and out through Zambia. What a pilgrimage! She has a heartrending story to tell, but wrote us a few lines a day or so after reaching home, praising God for His keeping power.

It is that same loving heavenly Father whom we trust as we return to Angola at His Bidding and for His Glory.

Yours in His Service,
Bob and Belva Foster

DAVAO CITY, PHILIPPINES

Letter from Rev. Fermin Dullano.

General Overseer Ottersen:

Greetings in Jesus' Name to you and to the entire fellowship of the Christian Catholic Church.

Praise the Lord for His goodness providing a piece of property for us to build a Prayer House for the people and for His people. As you

can see, the building is of a temporary sort being made of a poor kind of lumber material. However, we are grateful for the sacrifice of His people for the great improvements that have been made. As we are able, we will continue improving the building.

The first picture is of the congregation at Davao City. The second picture shows the building further improved with a signboard in front.

Those pictured are from our Panacan church, 14 kilometers away from us.

We wish to say "Thank you" to all the Christian Catholic Church fellowship who have shown interest in the work of the Lord in the Philippines. May God bless you all.

Faithfully in Christ,
Fermin Dullano



PHILIPPINES

Beginning the first Saturday in February, "Songs of Zion" will be aired over station DZAS in Manila each Saturday evening at 10:00 p.m. DZAS is a 40,000 watt, medium wave transmission which covers the great population centers around Manila and can be heard as far away as the island of Leyte. Also under consideration is the possibility of airing "Songs of Zion" over other Far East Broadcasting Company stations which would cover all the areas of the Philippines where we have churches, and which would actually cover most of the Philippines.

When Pastor Roger Ottersen was in the Philippines over a year ago, he discussed the possibility of airing "Songs of Zion" over these stations and we rejoice that it will shortly become a reality. This is another step in faith for our church. However, it was the unanimous decision of the Administrative Council and Board of Trustees to reach out, believing that God was leading and that He would supply through His people.

BETHLEHEM, ISRAEL

Daher Nassar reports that they have begun a new Bible Class for believers and especially new believers. Pray for this class and for Daher. We also rejoice that Daher is in a Bible study program to further equip him to minister to the believers in Bethlehem and to reach out in evangelism to others. When Rev. S.B.D. Nassar died suddenly on March 30, 1976, his son, Daher, along with other members of the family stepped in to continue his ministry and they have experienced the blessing of God on their efforts.

LETTER FROM VANCOUVER, B.C.

From Iris Mintern, former secretary for twenty years in church office.

My dear friends:

Greetings and all good wishes for a very happy Christmas and God's richest blessings in the coming year.

I have been thinking of you all so much as Christmas approaches, and recollecting some of the things that are probably taking place at the church. I expect "The Messiah"

has already been presented by the combined church choirs. Would so much like to have been there.

I am sure the various choirs are preparing Christmas music, and the youth groups anticipating their Christmas parties. Jean and her helpers will be thinking of winter camp. Do trust your mother is now much better, Jean, I am praying for her.

Was downtown this afternoon. It was a lovely sunny afternoon and the mountains so clear. There is lots of snow on the higher elevations. There was quite a chilly wind coming down from the north off the mountains.

The stores are all so beautiful with the Christmas decorations. Every year Eaton's department store is decorated throughout with pots of real poinsettia plants. They are massed on every floor. I don't know how many plants are used but there must be over a thousand. It's amazing how fresh the plants are. Perhaps they replace some of them. A few days before Christmas the boy scouts deliver the plants to nursing and retirement homes throughout the city.

A short while ago we had a group of Pioneer Girls from the Baptist Church come through our hall singing carols. It was lovely to hear their young voices. I went out and thanked them.

Our children will be out of school at the end of this week until after Christmas. Christina is bringing Sam the gerbil home for the Christmas holidays. I remember when Kevin brought a gerbil home for Christmas. The little creature was quite old and his teeth were blunt. We had to spend Christmas cracking his sunflower seeds for him.

We are going to try and take the children to some of the interesting programs available in Vancouver especially for Christmas. We enjoy going down in the evening to watch the carol boats as they sail down the Burrard Inlet and out into English Bay. They are beautifully decorated and you can stand on the shore and hear the sound of the carols across the water. I would like to take them to a carol service at Christchurch Cathedral to listen to the choir boys. This is truly a wonderful city for children if you take the trouble to find out what is

available for them, especially Christmas.

On Wednesday evening this week our children's school has a Christmas program. At 6 pm the whole school are meeting and going out singing carols in this area. They go back to school for hot chocolate and cookies. Then there is to be a program in the gym for parents and friends. Kevin's class is putting on a play. On Wednesday at noon I go to an "Over 60" Fellowship Christmas dinner at the Baptist Church. Last week our Salvation Army Over 60 Fellowship had their Christmas dinner at the Georgia Hotel. It was lovely and the tables beautifully set.

Well, I must not bore you with all the doings in Vancouver. We just thank God for Christmas and what it means to us — that God sent His Son to earth as a little babe, the babe of Bethlehem, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

May God bless and keep you each one. I think of you and I pray for you and I miss you very much.

Thank you for all your prayers for me and my family.

Christian love and prayers,

Iris Mintern

CAIRO, EGYPT

Letter from Randy and Nancy Caplan

December 4, 1977

Dear Pastor Ottersen and C.C. Friends,

This letter is being written from the island of Cyprus. You may remember that the Apostle Paul traveled through this land on his first major journey. It is recorded in the 13th chapter of Acts: "Paul traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos." Today there are Greek ruins at Paphos. They are remains of the city in which the Apostles ministered.

MAGALLA is printed on this island. Since publication of the first issue in the fall of 1977, project coordinator, Terry Ascott, has delivered the magazine artwork here each month for printing.

Unfortunately, Terry is bedridden with a bad case of hepatitis and thus the responsibility for delivering the artwork this month has fallen upon Lennart Molin (a room man from Sweden) and myself. Since this trip will take about

week, Nancy is staying with
rt's wife, Lillian.

to a break in diplomatic
ms, there are no direct
between Cairo and Cyprus,
passengers must spend a one-
llay-over in war-torn Beirut.
mosphere of panic and death
over that city. Our inter-
cal director, John Ferwerda,
nere with his family. He took
his apartment building. Three
as ago a bomb had blown out
top on the first floor. General
ssness prevails. Evil men are
o do their evil deeds, without
ff any temporal justice. The
nt beauty of the countryside
red by rubble.

prus is another war-torn land,
gh tension has somewhat sub-
United Nations' forces keep
er zone between the Cypriot
and Greeks. We are staying
e Greek side with Bill and
Musk. Bill is coordinating
anslation and production of
ving Bible into the languages
ssi and Arabic. Providing the
ures in the common idioms
e people will of course be a
step in delivering to these
the Gospel.

His infinite wisdom, the Lord
a printing company outside
a. Printing MAGALLA on
ss has many advantages. For
ning, the best presses are here.
are very few, if any, presses
Middle East with either the
ment or the technical skill to
ce MAGALLA in its present
with 16 4-color pages, 8 2-
pages, 8 1-color pages, and a
r cover. Perhaps this will
e in the future. There are
competent printing compan-
Lebanon, but the fighting
operating with them on a
ly basis quite unreliable.

cently, however, a Christian
ng company in Sweden volun-
to print MAGALLA for
rovided that we can move up
er month in preparation. We
seek the mind of God on this.

ce reaching the lost for
involves a combination of
power and human effort,
ALLA in its final printed
must be excellent in every
Because of recent additions
e staff (Lennart and myself)
r effort can be spent in prep-

aration. My own responsibilities
for now are centered around coor-
dinating the total layout. Nancy is
working on the M.E.M. team
financial books.

Circulation is continuing to grow
though not as fast as we would like
to see it grow. We are looking to
the Lord for a breakthrough in the
Egyptian public schools. Also re-
ceived recently is a notice that
Syria has opened its doors to
distribution! Of course, you know
that the overall purpose of
MAGALLA is to give Muslim
youth a true conception of God,
and to correct the misconceptions
of Christianity which have built up
during the past several hundred
years. We praise God for His pro-
tection, His provision, and are
more and more realizing His suffi-
ciency for all our needs.

On the home front, by now you
know that we are settling into a
beautiful apartment the Lord has
provided. Nancy is getting used to
her Egyptian propane tank stove,
complete with an oven measuring
9-1/2 x 13 x 14 inches. Despite the
limitations, she is really turning out
some great meals!

There is so much more to write,
but it will soon be time to get our
flight back to Beirut and Cairo.

Love in Jesus,

Randy for Randy and Nancy Capp

ZION MOUNTAIN VIEW CHAPEL

Letter to Pastor Ottersen from Rev.
Dale Anderson, Pastor of Zion
Mountain View Chapel.

November 27, 1978

Dear Pastor Ottersen:

Just a short note to you. Re-
ceived your letter day before yester-
day. I trust that we will in a few
more months have some good news
concerning growth in the life of our
congregation. We are beginning to
see some results.

As a congregation we have much
for which to thank the Lord. We
are grateful for the home church,
who stood behind the developing of
a ministry here in the Phoenix area,
and still stands behind this ministry.
We also are most thankful for our
Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving Sunday, November
19, 1978, there was an expression
of our gratefulness. A Thanksgiving

offering was received to go toward
the Building Fund for the New
Auditorium at our home church.
Two hundred dollars was received
toward this important project.

In addition, our 5th and 6th
grade Zion Crusaders prepared a
Thanksgiving meal for several of
our Senior Citizens on Wednesday
Evening. The boys and girls served
them the meal and then presented
a special Thanksgiving Program to
them. It was a very rich and reward-
ing experience for both young and
old alike.

As a congregation we would also
like to express to members and
friends of the Christian Catholic
Church, World wide, our wishes
and prayers for a fruitful and
exciting new year.

Dale Anderson, Pastor

SUNSHINE-POWERED BATTERY DEVELOPED

Holland, Michigan (Missionary
News Service)

A rechargeable battery pack has
been developed by Total Energy
Concepts — a battery which re-
charges on the power from the sun.

Emphasizing the tremendous as-
sistance this can be to missionaries
who rely heavily on the use of
cassette players, a spokesman for
Portable Recordings Ministries says:
"Sun power! No more is the field
cassette machine tied to its battery
supply. No more will Christ's mes-
sage go unheard because the batter-
ies have run down. No more will
the field missionary have to set
aside large sums of money to buy
batteries that are half dead when
he gets them. When the Solar Pack
runs down, all that is needed is a
little sunshine. Better still, if the
Solar Pack is recharged a few hours
each day, it may never run down!"

The Solar Pack will operate the
average cassette machine for over
20 hours on one charge. Each day
of sunshine will give 2 to 4 hours
of cassette listening. The sun will
completely recharge the battery in
a little over 30 hours. The Solar
Pack should last over 250 cycles —
over 5,000 hours of listening.

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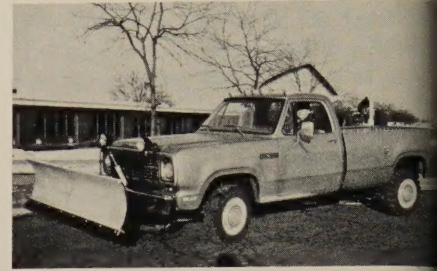
OLD DODGE TRUCK SENT TO CAMP ZION FOR RETIREMENT

The eleven year old Dodge pick-up truck and snowplow finally couldn't pass the vehicle inspections in Illinois any longer and so was driven to Camp Zion to retire there. Of course, it is hoped that even in retirement it will remain serviceable for some time to come.

New trucks equipped with a snowplow are very scarce so it was a matter for rejoicing when a new Dodge four-wheel drive pick-up truck was found just two days before a heavy snowfall.

Pictured driving the truck is Paul Woodman, who already this winter, has spent many hours in the early mornings clearing snow off the parking lots of the church. "Thank

you, Paul! Your service has been a blessing to us all."



CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Beginning on Thanksgiving Day, members of the church have been bringing canned goods and other non-perishable food items for distribution to area needy families. Robert Anderson brought a large supply of Jonathan apples from his orchard — a practice he has carried on for many years. Others contributed money for the purchase of turkeys, milk, bread, etc.

On the Wednesday before Christmas, the deacons met to sort the food items and the next day several of the deacons delivered the boxes to the families.



Pictured delivering food baskets to area families include l. to r., Lewis Mitchell, Robert Peters, Calvin Weese and Bill Harrison.

During the month of November and early December, special Christmas offerings were received throughout our Bible School for distribution to all of the national pastors of our fellowship throughout the world. This year, over seventy pastors received a Christmas gift of money or food parcel. What a joy it has been to send this out and we trust it will be a blessing to each family who receives it.

CHRISTMAS MUSICALE

The second annual Christmas Musicale here at headquarters was a beautiful evening of music and pageantry. Under the direction of Mr. Timothy Allen, director of music ministries, the Sanctuary, Youth, Handbell, Junior, Primary and Cherub Choirs, along with the select choir SONRISE, joined together in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour. For the first time in years the Zion Chamber Orchestra took part in the program, accompanying the choirs, as well as playing the offeratory, which added a special new depth and extra dimension to the program. Composed of fourteen fine musicians from the community, the orchestra began rehearsals in September under Mr. Allen's direction, played during this year's

production of Handel's *Messiah* and plans to perform concert with conservatory graduate students this spring.

Drama also played an important part in the Musicale. As the choirs sang, characters reenacted the events of the nativity from the messianic prophecies of David and Isaiah through to the journeys of the wise men and shepherds after His birth.

JOSEPH, MARY, BABY JESUS
Chuck, Joan, Michael Garrison

SIMEON: Jabez Taylor

ANGEL GABRIEL: Lucy Burris

PROPHET, NARRATOR:

Dave Suthard

WISE MEN: Bob Gustafson, Lewis Mitchell, Randy Storey

SHEPHERDS: Sonrise Singers

